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105W NEWS UPDATE

Lion Sally Marsh - District Governor



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Dear Fellow Lions

What a difference a year makes! As we all prepared to head to Port Talbot for Convention 2018 the 'Beast from the East' hit and convention and the Spectacle World Record attempt was postponed until April.

This year, as I pack my bags ready for our 44th Convention in Bristol we are experiencing the warmest winter weather on record! My thanks to the

convention Team for all the hard work they have put in to make the weekend an opportunity to celebrate all the achievements of District 105W. The event will be slightly different this year as our 2019-2020 District Governor Teams have already been elected. There is still plenty for Lions to do, International Director Lion Dr. Walter Zemrosser from Austria will give the keynote speech, there will be presentations from Diabetes UK and Clic Sargent as well as the opportunity to meet our Young Ambassador and Peace Poster winners. Don't forget to visit the information stands and bring your spectacles to go to Medico France. The Friday evening entertainment and the Banquet and Ball on Saturday are the opportunity for more fun and fellowship. I look forward to meeting up with you all over the weekend. During March, I will also be attending convention in District 105M and travelling to France to join our friends in our twin district 103 Normandy for their convention.

At the beginning of February I attended my final club visit for the year at Forest of Dean. Dates are in my diary for further visits to clubs for a variety of events and many Charter Anniversaries. Last weekend I was in Dudley for the Young Ambassador Final. What an inspirational group of young people. Congratulations to Danielle, sponsored by Thornbury Lions, on receiving the Shipshape Award, I know she will enjoy her week on a tall ship. In between I have attended Charters at Chippenham and Ammanford as well as the 3rd Cabinet meeting of 2018-2019.

PDG Lion Paul Baker from Canada visited the UK from the end of January for 2 weeks. He visited several Districts and stayed with Colin and I for 3 days. Paul is a Campus Club

Specialist and together we visited Cardiff University for an information day, along with members of Cardiff Lions Club. Students showed a lot of interest and a further information meeting has taken place and an organisation meeting is to take place on 27 February.

If you haven't booked to attend Multiple District Convention in Swansea over the weekend of 3rd - 5th May please do so soon. It is not often that we get a MD Convention in our District.

Finally don't forget the District litter pick, during week commencing 22 April. A service opportunity to involve volunteers and show your communities one of the many ways in which We Serve. Let's All Work Together within our communities with fun and fellowship. Fingers crossed for weather like we have experienced this week.

Lion Sally Marsh, District Governor, 105W.

Higher Service ...

It is with deep regret that News Update reports the passing to higher service of **Des Cresswell**, Cheltenham Lions Club and **John Sheffield**, Lechlade & District Lions Club. District Governor, Lion Sally, and all Lion members, extend sincere condolences to their families.

Membership Welcome ...

During February, District Governor Lion Sally welcomed the following member to the family of Lions:

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| Llandrindod Wells | Maureen Foister, Deryn Gambles, Hilarie Primmer, Daphne Treliving. |
| Porthcawl | Anne Lloyd-Jones. |
| Tenby & District | Antony Evans. |
| Cotswold Fosseway | Deborah Emm, Martin Tregoning. |
| Dursley | Matthew Harris. |
| Melksham | Paul Buxton. |
| Ross on Wye | Simon Hassan. |

105W Members end of February 2019 – 869



Lion John Sheffield ...

It is with great sadness that Lechlade and District Lions Club announces the passing of Lion John Sheffield on 30 January, after a short illness.

He was a member of Lechlade and District Lions Club for 6 years and was current chair of the fundraising committee. His enthusiasm, hard work and commitment will be sadly missed.

Our sympathy is extended to his wife Mary and daughters Jo and Laura.

Ian Kingsford, President, Lechlade and District Lions Club.

Lion Des Cresswell ...

Lion Des, Cheltenham Lions Club, passed away on Monday 18 February, aged 93. He was outward-going and enjoyed his work in fundraising, publicity, and club visiting. He joined Lions in 1993, after retiring from work, so had been presented with his 25-year Monarch chevron last October by DG Sally. He was President of Cheltenham in 2006, already past his 80th birthday. He leaves his widow, Mary. They were a sociable pair who were involved with their family as well as Lions. Cheltenham people remember Des for his leading and controlling of the town's Carnival procession. One year he introduced nearly 100 Harley-Davidson motor bike riders to enhance the parade!

Alex Bryce, Secretary, Cheltenham Lions Club.

Membership Matters ...



This time last year I was saying that we need more women in Lions. This is still true – men outnumber women about 2 to 1. Why do we need more women? Actually, we need more

LIONS and that is both women and men!

How do we get them?

Put the dates in your diary for 6 April in Swansea and 28 April in Bristol. Come to one of those events and we will explore some of the issues of Membership and work through some solutions.

We have some ideas and need some action – all are welcome so come with your enthusiasm and let's take some action! I look forward to seeing you there.

Lion Sue Wilding, District Membership Officer (GMT-D)
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Cotswold Fosseway News ...

The Cotswold Fosseway Lions were delighted to enroll two new members into the club at a recent meeting. Debbie Emm and Martin Tregoning have already been involved by helping at several fund-raising events over Christmas and joined us for our Christmas Meal, so we already feel that they are part of the Lions family, working together to serve the community.

We will be working again with the Town Council to arrange another Litter Pick in the Town

We will be holding a Quiz Night 29 March to raise club funds. We welcome any other local Lions Club to join us for a fun evening.

Corina Sherman, President, Cotswold Fosseway.

Tetbury Pumpwell ...

In recognition of the importance of water, Tetbury Lions Club of District 105W British Isles has donated three Pump Wells for villages in the Northern Philippines.



Pictures above show the construction of a well in Cabilaoan and the finished well in Botigue, both villages in the Northern Philippines.

Lion Ben Manuctao, 2VDG, 105W.

April News Update ...

For April 2019 News Update, please submit articles to news@lions105w.org.uk by 25 March. *Editor Derek.*

Club Officer Days ...

All **CONTINUING** and **INCOMING** Club Officers, these days are for you!

Saturday 6 April, 09.30 -16.00,
Mercure Hotel,
Phoenix Way,
Swansea,
SA7 9EG

Sunday 28 April, 09.30 -16.00,
Aztec Hotel,
Aztec West,
Almondsbury,
Bristol,
BS32 4TS

Any other Lions, especially your newer members will be made most welcome.

Please advise of your attendance to ensure adequate seating and refreshments!

Lion Bill O'Neill leadership@lions105w.org.uk

Youth Exchange ...

Arrangements are well in hand for the upcoming Youth Exchange camp in Doncaster. This starts on Monday 5 August. Our visitors from all over the world will be coming to MD105 on Monday 29 July, and we are still looking for some hosts. If you are interested in hosting someone for a week, then please get in touch with me. I can only say that this is a very rewarding lions activity.

Derek Livsey, youthexchange@lions105w.org.uk

Activities Snippets ...

Activity snippets sourced from the Activity Reports completed last month on MyLCI up to 27 February.

Black Mountains Club supported the Busy Bees Charity Nursery with building repairs.

Dursley Club members volunteered for, 'Wheels for All' cycle sessions.

Forest of Dean Club donated to Lydney Tennis Club for a casement for a Heart Start Machine.

Keynsham & District Club donated to the Canteen Cafe for free meals to deserving children and their parents.

Melksham Club attended Chippenham Club Charter Anniversary.

Radstock & Midsomer Norton Club held a fundraising concert featuring the Ukulele Fun House Orchestra.

Tetbury Club have produced and distributed the second 'Tetbury Advertiser' for 2019.

John Seymour, Communications Team Leader, 105w.

Diary Dates ...

March

- 1-3 105W District Convention
- 8 Hereford Lions Charter Dinner
- 10 Black Mountains 46th Charter Lunch
Swindon Charter Lunch.
- 12 Lions UN Day, Palace of Westminster.
- 23 Porthcawl Charter Dinner.
Ross Leo 10th Charter Lunch.
Hereford Lions Race Night.
- 29-30 District 103 Normandy Convention.
- 30 Gower & Llŵchwr Est. 49th Charter Dinner.

April

- 6 Club Officer Training, Swansea.
- 7 MD GMT meeting, MDHQ.
Radstock & MSN 42nd Charter Lunch.
- 13 Chipping Sodbury Charter Dinner.
- 22 – 27 District Plastic Pick Week.
- 28 Club Officer Training, Bristol.

May

- 4-5 MD Convention, Marriot Hotel, Swansea.

The diary dates are extracted from the District Calendar on our Website, www.lions105w.org.uk. **ANYONE** can enter events onto this Calendar, but contact

webmaster@lions105w.org.uk to amend or delete entries.

DISTRICT CONVENTION ...

1 – 3 March,
Aztec West Hotel, Almondsbury, Bristol.



See you there!

Derek Livsey, Editor, News Update.